

June 22, 2012

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Subcommittee on Trade
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairmen:

We, the undersigned companies, strongly support legislation to clarify and lower the tariff rate for certain mechanics' work gloves and urge Congress to pass legislation before the end of the year.

Mechanics' work gloves are a very specialized glove made of synthetic leather palms and fingers with fourchettes and backs of man-made knit fabric. There is no domestic production of similarly styled gloves, nor is there domestic production of the synthetic leather used to manufacture the gloves.

We support current legislation introduced by Congressman Howard McKeon and Senator Diane Feinstein to reduce the tariff rate on mechanic's work gloves because it will allow us to compete in the marketplace without the burden of an increased tariff rate. Without this legislation, we are forced to include additional costs in our gloves which stifle and limit our ability to compete and grow.

It is crucial to the economic livelihood of our industry and the jobs we provide that legislation be passed by the Congress to clarify and reduce the tariff rate on mechanics' work gloves. We stand ready to support those efforts.

Sincerely,

CamelBak Products, LLC
EB Brands
Illinois Glove Company

Instinct Gloves
Ironclad Performance Wear Corp.
Mechanix Wear